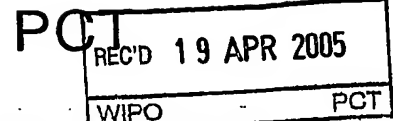


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Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	
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Reference is made to the following document:

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V.2 Independent claim 1

The document D1 (see [0006 - 0007]) is regarded as being the closest prior art to the subject-matter of independent device claim 1, and discloses a defibrillator wherein a proximity of a fingertip is enough in order to activate the device.

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V.3 Dependent claims 2-21

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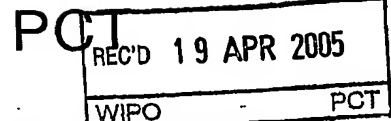
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